IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.

: 09/806.368

Applicant

: Mieko KATSUURA et al

Filed

: September 20, 2001

TC/A.U.

: 1647

Examiner

: Rachel B. Kapust

Docket No.

: 2923-0581

Customer No.: 6449

Confirmation No. : 8538

Title: BONE MORPHOGENETIC PROTEIN ANTAGONIST BASED ON THE MATURE

PROTEIN

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003 for one month from November 2, 2003 to December 2, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the government fee of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110) to Deposit Account No. 02-2135. An additional copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bv

Monica Chin Kitts

Attorney for Applicants

Registration No. 36,105

ROTHWELL, FIGG, ERNST & MANBECK, p.c.

Suite 800, 1425 K Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20005

Telephone: (202)783-6040

12/04/2003 EFLORES 00000136 022135

01 FC:1251

110.00 DA